GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:427
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2016
Implementation of NFSA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken the final decision to implement the National Food Security Act (NFSA) immediately and to bring the whole country under its ambit, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether some States are yet to identify the beneficiaries under the said Act, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps proposed in this regard indicating the number and percentage of cards digitised and linked to Aadhaar;
(c) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the scheme in the States, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(d) the funds allocated, released and utilised under the Act by the Union and the State Governments during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) to (c): Under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), which came into force with effect from 05.07.2013, main responsibility for implementation, which inter alia includes identification of eligible households, issuing ration cards to them, distribution of foodgrain entitlements to eligible households through fair price shops (FPS), setting up effective grievance redressal mechanism, necessary strengthening of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), rests with the States/UTs.
Implementation of the Act is reviewed on regular basis through meetings with States/UTs at various levels. As a result of regular review, implementation of the Act has started in all the States/UTs except Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Recently, a meeting of Food Ministers and Food Secretaries of States/UTs was held on 21.05.2016 at New Delhi, to review implementation of NFSA and progress in end-to-end computerization, wherein Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu were requested to expedite implementation of NFSA.
Digitization of ration cards has been completed in all the States/UTs and 60% of digitized ration cards have been seeded with Aadhaar.
(d): For providing central assistance to States/UTs for meeting expenditure towards intra-state movement and handling of foodgrains and FPS dealers margin under NFSA, the Food Security (Assistance to State Governments) Rules, 2015 was notified in August, 2015 and for the first time budget allocation was made in 2015-16. The amount of Rs. 279.01 lakh provided in Revised Estimates (2015-16) was fully released. During the current year, an allocation of Rs. 250000 lakh has been made, out of which Rs. 86341.63 lakh has been released/sanctioned for release. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 427 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19.07.2016.
Central assistance released/sanctioned for release to States/UTs for meeting expenditure towards intra-State movement & handling of foodgrains and Fair Price Shop Dealers' margin.
2015-16
S.No.
Name of the States/UTs
Amount (in lakh)
1
Andaman & Nicobar
4.55
2
Chandigarh
31.11
3
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
3.79
4
Daman & Diu
12.63
5
Delhi
35.03
6
Goa
56.4

7
Lakshadweep
13.89
8
Mizoram
31.72
9
Sikkim
89.89
Total
279.01
2016-17
1
Bihar
24007.21
2
Assam
4500.00
3
Tripura
800.00
4
Karnataka
16400.00
5
Maharashtra
15000.00
6
Rajasthan
25634.42
Total
86341.63
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